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INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, SNAR, VE, NA

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING THREAT

REF: A) CURACAO 0171 (NOTAL); B) CURACAO 0179 (NOTAL);
C) CARACAS 3383 (NOTAL)

1. ALFREDO FLORES IS CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN US ON NAR-
COTICS CONVICTION. HIS LAWYER ERIC ZIELINSKI TOLD CONGEN
CURACAO THAT ALFREDO FLORES' BROTHER, CARLOS, HAD BEEN
APPROACHED BY A VENEZUELAN, CARLOS VARGAS, WITH PROPOSITION
TO KIDNAP US AMBASSADOR OR OTHER HIGH US OFFICIAL IN
VENEZUELA. ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN, AMERICAN WOULD BE HELD
UNTIL ALFREDO FLORES RELEASED FROM JAIL IN US.

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2. ZIELINSKI REFUSED TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF OR CLIENT WITH PROPOSAL, BUT BELIEVES IT WARRANTS USG ATTENTION. HE FURTHER STATED KIDNAP ATTEMPT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO VENEZUELA OR CURACAO BUT COULD TAKE PLACE ANYWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA. HE COULD NOT SUPPLY ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC.

3. THREAT IS ADMITTEDLY A VAGUE ONE, BUT ADDRESSEES SHOULD EXERCISE EXTRA CAUTION IN COMING WEEKS. WE HOPE CARACAS WILL BE ABLE TO ASSESS THREAT MORE PRECISELY AS RESULT OF INQUIRIES MENTIONED IN CARACAS REFTTEL.

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